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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement, mailed August 17, 2004, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 17, 2004.

Applicant elects with traverse to have Claims 10-18 examined in this application. However, it is believed that the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn. All claims are closely related and should be examined together for reasons of economy and efficiency and to avoid a latter charge of double patenting. Both "invention" are classified in Class 514, Subclass 315, and it would hardly be a hardship on the Examiner to examine both in one application.

Respectfully submitted,

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